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CH2M HILL Hanford Group strong in local business spending

RICHLAND, Wash.— Hanford tank waste contractor CH2M HILL Hanford Group directed nearly two-thirds of its approximately \$76 million in purchases of goods and services toward local businesses during the first three quarters of fiscal year 2002.

From October 2001 through June 2002, CH2M HILL bought 63 percent, or approximately \$48 million, of its services and products from local businesses. The \$48 million spent in the first three quarters includes contract awards, purchase orders and goods purchases going to businesses in Benton, Franklin, Yakima, and Walla Walla Counties.

“We’re pleased that our efforts to direct project dollars toward local businesses have led to results above our goals,” said Ed Aromi, CH2M HILL Hanford Group President and General Manager. “We will continue to seek out local businesses with the expertise to help us be successful in our work for the Department of Energy.”

CH2M HILL Hanford Group Inc. is the Department of Energy’s Office of River Protection prime contractor with responsibility for retrieving for treatment and disposing of approximately 53 million gallons of radioactive and hazardous waste stored in 177 underground tanks. It is part of the CH2M HILL family of employee-owned companies that provides engineering, construction, operations, and related technical services to public and private clients in numerous industries. The firm's work is concentrated in the areas of water, energy, environment, transportation, telecommunications, construction, and industrial facilities. CH2M HILL has more than 10,000 employees in 165 offices worldwide.

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